PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

I just love coming to school Mr Pope. It’s so much fun. William F 1/2W 2015

Oh and welcome to our new coloured newsletter!

Education Week
Last week was Education Week with the theme based on ‘local heroes’. Well … without singling out specific individuals I’d like to say that I see many heroes in our school and community everyday.

We have so many boys and girls who come to school and try their best even when things get tough. They take responsibility, listen carefully, work hard and aim to learn each and everyday. Other boys and girls get around the school making others smile by being encouraging, helping others, being polite, friendly and demonstrating a positive attitude.

We have parents, carers and grandparents who are champions for their kids. Many, despite various challenges, work hard, value learning and try to give their children a better life.

We have staff who go above and beyond everyday to connect with our students and our community to help them with their problems and needs while providing outstanding learning experiences. They preserve and continually find new ways to engage, support and never give up on ‘our kids’.

Thank you to all who joined us for our welcome day (see the photos further on in this newsletter) and visited learning sessions, joined us for our ‘new’ library opening, watched our wonderful dancers at our assembly and spent lunch with us. Thanks to Mrs Riley and Mr Byrne for organising the events for Education Week and thanks too to our mighty BBQ team for your hard work once again.

EDVenture
Check out the ‘fun’ where students are choosing their own adventures in learning.
Parent consultation and involvement
Parents and carers are so important to our school and in line with our school plan we are aiming to increase community participation and engagement. Next Monday the 10.8.15 at 9.10am please join us for a bite to eat and to share your thoughts (in our new school library). If we get enough parents I would also like to hold an evening session for working parents on 1/9/15 at 7.30pm in the school library (supper will be provided). We as a school would like your involvement and ideas on a range of school programs. This will include student, parent teacher interviews, attendance and other areas of school life. We are particularly interested in what support and/or learning you would like to better assist your child in their learning and development, both at home and school. All parents are welcome! We will also specifically invite some parents to ensure a range of voices and opinions are heard. From this meeting I would like to create a community action team with a mixture of parent and staff representatives to ensure that parents have an ongoing voice in our school. If you intend on coming please indicate on the slip below.

Parent Consultation and Involvement Session(s)

I will participate in the parent school meeting

☐ On 10.8.15 at 9.10am (breakfast)
☐ On 1.9.15 at 7.30pm (supper)

Name: ________________________

Alternatively you may respond on the school Facebook post and comment with breakfast or evening.

STAFF PROFILE

Hello. My name is Mrs Corner. I have been at Ambarvale Public School since the beginning of Term 3 and am very excited to be teaching here. I have lived in the Campbelltown area for most of my life and I am married with three children. My family and I love camping and try and get away at least 2-3 times a year. We also enjoy kayaking and bushwalking in our free time. In the school holidays I spend lots of my time reading books and painting pictures.

I am enjoying my time here at Ambarvale immensely and have gotten to know many of you already. If you haven’t met me already, come and say ‘Hi’ when you see me in the playground.

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

Last Wednesday, Ambarvale Public School celebrated Education Week and its theme of “Heroes”. We had our official opening of the new look library, open classrooms across the school, a special assembly to celebrate all areas of Education and finally a delicious barbecue and picnic lunch. We were pleased to see so many parents, family and community around our school and we hope you enjoyed the morning!

A special THANK YOU goes out to Woolworths at Macarthur Square, who donated half of the sausages for the day, as well as lots of fruit. This very generous donation is much appreciated and goes a long way to supporting our school and our students. We will certainly be returning to Woolworths Macarthur Square for all our barbecue needs and we look forward to another event with them soon.

GALA DAY

This Friday 7th August is our next Gala Day. Good luck to all our participating teams. Any outstanding money needs to be paid ASAP.

Venues are as follows:
Touch Footy – Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow
Netball – Coronation Park, Minto
Soccer – Ambarvale Sporting Field

CHILD PROTECTION LESSONS

All students will be participating in child protection lessons this term. The lessons aim to help children recognise dangerous situations and use strategies to keep themselves safe. Should parents require further information, please contact your child’s teacher who would be happy to answer any questions.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August
07/08 - Gala Day
12/08 - Athletics Carnival
18/08 - Stage 3 Science at High School
25-26/08 - Stage 2 Camp

TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September, 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we would like to get lots of new resources. If you have any questions, please ask Miss Hartley.

PBIS Focus

This week (Week 4), our PBIS focus is be Respectful.
Students are reminded to:
- Speak respectfully to others
- Put their rubbish in the bin

Canteen – Sports Pack Special

This week’s special - the canteen have put together a special lunch pack. In this pack you will be given Spaghetti Bolognese, garlic bread and a bottle of water all for the price of $6. To receive this pack, just place your order at the canteen in the morning any day this week.

LIBRARY CHAT

Thank you to all who visited our new look library last week. As you saw, it is now a very attractive and inviting learning space, where we hope to have many enriching learning opportunities.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes very soon. Children can no longer enter books read after the 21st of August, although I can enter books up until the 28th August. At the moment only one child in Stages 2 and 3 has finished, so many children need to read a lot in the next three weeks. I am very happy if children come to the library at lunch or recess or after school to change books or to read. Please help your child to record books they have read at home either on the web site, or give the information to me.
Education Week

Open Day
FACT SHEET #36

Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT

Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?

We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

☐ Never ever leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking When Cooking”

☐ Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.

☐ Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.

☐ Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.

☐ If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly ventilated.

☐ If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.

☐ Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.

☐ Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.

☐ Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.

☐ If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.

☐ Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.

☐ Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.

☐ Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.

☐ Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.

☐ Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In Case of an Emergency Get out Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000).